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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Coordsen, could I ask you a couple questions?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Coordsen, now we have these requests here for these buildings and makes me wonder, what are we doing with those pieces of equipment now?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well,...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Are they sitting out in the rain, or are there buildings that they're being stored in now?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, I'm afraid, Senator Janssen, I do not have the answer to that. There are really only two options. One is that they are being stored outside or that are...that there are facilities that are deemed to be inadequate at the various locations where we have Department of Roads' shops and storage facilities, but I do not know the absolute answer to your question.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, it seems to me...thank you, Senator Coordsen. I didn't learn much but that's fine. It seems to me that they wouldn't all be sitting out. I would imagine they have been taking care of these vehicles somewhere, some way. And I'm sure that this isn't the first time that these requests have come to the Appropriations Committee from the Department of Roads, and I would imagine it's been an ongoing process where they have to build storage facilities, not only trucks but other items also such as other equipment. I'm sure that they are not sitting outside rusting away; that they do have some type of facility where these vehicles are stored. And until those answers are given to us, I'm very reluctant to support this portion of the amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Cudaback.